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# UPFRONT

■ **COMMUNITY:** Port Colborne Lions Club doughnut fundraiser a delicious hit



**MICHELLE ALLENBERG/POSTMEDIA NETWORK**  
People look into the kitchen through a window at the Lions Club Saturday in Port Colborne. Money raised from the sale of doughnuts will help support the service club and its community programs.

## Raising dough with doughnuts

**MICHELLE ALLENBERG**  
Postmedia Network

The smell of doughnuts wafted through the air on Saturday morning outside the Port Colborne Lions Club.

A long line had already formed by 10:30 a.m., and people were eagerly waiting

to buy a variety of doughnuts as their way of supporting the service club and its community programs.

From cinnamon to chocolate glaze, there was something for everyone.

Proceeds from the sale of the doughnuts went to sup-

port local charities. Scott Wolfe, a Lions Club member for 17 years, said the club was expecting to raise about \$4,000.

Volunteers started working at around 5 a.m. getting a head start on making the deep-fried goodies. Wolfe said

the club was going to make anywhere from 8,000 to 9,000 doughnuts.

Wolfe said some people will wait in line for almost two hours to satisfy their sweet tooth. He said people really enjoy them.

Diana Vandenboogaard, a

Port Colborne resident, was in the middle of the line and said she had only been waiting for 15 minutes. She said she really enjoys the doughnuts because they are very flavourful.

"They are melt in your mouth. They are different," she said.

Vandenboogaard said the goodies aren't the only thing that made her come out Saturday. She said the Lions Club provides for people in the community and does good work.

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# You can find me at church on Sundays – usually

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I skipped church last week. No, I didn't just decide to play hookie and leave everyone hanging. I was on vacation, really a staycation, and when Sunday rolled around I just stayed home.

I had made arrangements beforehand for people to lead the service and preach a sermon so for those who came to church they still had the opportunity to worship together. This is obviously, by no means, my regular practice on a Sunday. On most Sundays through the year, and some other occasions too, it's my job to go to church. I'm the guy up front who preaches the sermon and presides of the liturgy and holy communion. But I could see how it would be easy to get out of the habit of going to church.

We had some plans for Sunday afternoon so I got up when I wanted to, sat around in my pjamas for a while, flipped myself channels on the TV for a bit, then got myself ready to go out later. Now, our church service isn't

all that early. We start at 10:30 on a Sunday morning and I actually get to sleep longer on Sunday than I do on weekdays and still make it to church on time. And on most Sundays I don't have official church work to do later in the day so after worship and coffee hour I can usually have a relaxing day for the rest of my Sunday.

As I said, I can see how it would be easy to get out of the habit of going to church. But even before I was a pastor, church was more than just a habit. In a lot of ways it seemed that it was something I needed. I once heard someone say something along the lines of, "If it's Sunday and you're in town and you're not sick you go to church." There was a time when, for many or most people, that was just an expectation. That's how it was for me and my household when I was a kid. When I became an adult it was up to me and then I went to church because I chose to go to church.

At church I found a community of other Christians. Were they or are they perfect? Of course not. They're human beings after all. Some people complain that the church is full

of hypocrites, people who say one thing and do another, people who don't live up to the ideals of what a Christian should be. Well, being or becoming a Christian doesn't bring about some sudden and miraculous perfection. In the Lutheran church we say that we are simultaneously saints and sinners.

But in the church I find a community of sinner-saints, people in need of God's grace and forgiveness just as I am. We gather together to worship God. We give thanks for what God has given to us. We pray for ourselves, others, the whole of creation. We hear God's word proclaimed in scripture readings, sermon, and song. We share in Christ's presence in his holy meal. We have fellowship with one another, celebrate with one another, comfort one another, encourage and equip one another for life in a sometimes difficult world. And we go out from church to live our lives, loving and serving God and our neighbour.

Our worship service is about 75 minutes long, add in travel time and it's probably less than two hours out of 168 hours in a week, about one per cent of the week. But I don't

want to make church sound like something super easy that requires no real commitment. We don't go to church because it's only an hour or two out of the week. It ought to be about commitment.

We worship God because God deserves to be worshiped. And when we affirm our faithfulness we commit to living among God's faithful people, hearing the word of God and sharing in the Lord's supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people, following the example of Jesus, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

So I skipped church. And I'll probably skip it now and then in the future as well. But I don't see myself ever leaving for good. It's what I do as a Christian. It's what I'm committed to as a follower of Jesus. I give of myself to a community of fellow Christians and I receive a great deal from them in return. But most of all, because God is gracious and generous and loving and forgiving I am built up and fed and blessed so that I can love and serve God and my neighbour through everything I go through in life.



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Temblador is pictured in the Eisenhower Lock, on Oct. 18, 1960, in this photo by Dan McCormick courtesy of the Brockville Museum Collection.

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## ■ COMMUNITY

# Women's Place walks against violence

**MICHELLE ALLENBERG**  
Postmedia Network

About 50 people joined the tropical-themed WAVE walk Saturday morning in Welland.

The idea for the theme came from the name WAVE (Walk Against Violence Everyone) as well as the location for the fundraiser — location being at Seaway Mall.

Ruthann Brown, executive director of Women's Place of South Niagara, said the theme came about "organically."

Participants were dressed with leis and Hawaiian prints for the five-kilometre indoor walk. By 9 a.m. the fun was in full swing.

A section of the mall was decorated with tropical plants and Hawaiian-themed games. After each lap people stopped at different booths and participated in games. After completing a game they received stickers.

During the activity people laughed while they struggled to toss a lei around a plastic fla-

mingo's neck. Some enjoyed seeing how low they could go under a limbo pole.

Brown said Women's Place shelters are at high capacity and funds raised from the walk will support operating costs helping those most in need.

Women's Place raised \$13,125.22 at the WAVE walk. The target was \$20,000, but Brown is optimistic more funds will be raised in the coming weeks.

"We are looking for champions and ambassadors now, not just for the fundraising, but to raise awareness. Domestic violence is a very pervasive issue in our community and the only way we are going to change that is to raise awareness and make it everybody's business," Brown said.

If someone suspects a loved one is being abused, he or she can contact the Women's Place crisis line at 905-788-0113. Brown said there are confidential counsellors available 24 hours a day, all free of charge.

"No one should ever think



MICHELLE ALLENBERG/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Sophie Gatt, 8, sees how low she can go at a limbo display set up during the Walk Against Violence Everyone event at Seaway Mall Saturday in Welland.

not to call, because we can either support them or refer them to another service that can give them the kind of support they need," Brown said.

People who couldn't make it to the walk can still donate online until the end

of the month at <http://womensplaces.org>.

"We want men, women, children to join together, because

we believe this is everyone's business. There are a lot of issues with bullying in schools, so we want to change the

framework of society moving forward," Brown said.

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## ■ EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Fire chief says merge dispatch services

**FRANKI IKEMAN**  
Tribune Staff

Port Colborne fire Chief Tom Cartwright says he'd like to see Niagara Region take over emergency dispatch services.

Cartwright presented a report to council at their Nov. 9 meeting outlining the history of dispatch services in Niagara, the current system in place, and thoughts on where to go with service in the future.

In a subsequent interview, Cartwright said he would like to see all involved parties continue to look at options and discuss possibilities to, "See if there's a way in which we can do things better, as one."

Currently, Port Colborne purchases operational dispatch services from St. Catharines, who sells dispatch to most of the municipalities in Niagara, excluding Niagara Falls.

But, he said, the current dispatch system is nearing the end of its life, with an expiry date of 2018.

And since the system will have to change in the near future, Cartwright argues that it should be changed to a merged system between police, fire and potentially EMS dispatches, and run by and funded by the Region.

He said to stay with the current system as it gets the required updates would likely double his costs — burdening Port Colborne taxpayers.

"Absolutely it can be funded differently and I think if the region were going to take it over then OK by me. As long as we get a level of service that's acceptable to us."

Cartwright said.

Cartwright's report came following a presentation to council at their Oct. 23 meeting by Niagara Police Services Board chair Bob Gale who asked for council's support of a motion to merge police, fire and emergency medical services dispatch.

In his presentation, Gale said that the Region of Niagara completed a study of dispatch services in 2012 which looked at ways to make the services more cost-effective and efficient.

But the topic has been discussed on-and-off for many years, Cartwright said, dating back to his early years with the service in the early 2000s.

Cartwright said cost isn't the only factor. He said in terms of efficiency and accuracy, having a merged dispatch might lead to improved quality and ease of service.

In Niagara now, when someone calls 911 it is answered by 911 within the police. The caller is asked whether the call is for Police, EMS or Fire and for what city, at which point the call is transferred to either Niagara Emergency Medical Services, Police or either Niagara Falls or St. Catharines Fire Departments.

"Right away you're passed off twice," Cartwright said. "Every time you pass it off there's another opportunity for error."

Cartwright didn't say that this has been a big problem with the current system, and added that he doesn't think the customer cares as long as they get the services they need as quickly as possible, but said it was worth thinking about.

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## Hotel Dieu Shaver launches Snowflakes and Angels campaign

KARENA WALTER  
Postmedia Network

It's a place where Sherry Carson says she found empowerment.

As good as Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre was for her body, it's what they did for her mind that Carson wants people to know about.

"It really lifted my spirits because you're at home and watching your health go down," said Carson, who has multiple sclerosis.

"People here show you what you can do, not what you can't do."

Carson was at the centre with her husband and sons Saturday night for the launch of its Snowflakes and Angels Christmas Campaign.

The fundraiser was held in the 5,700-square-foot therapy room, transformed into a twinkling courtyard for a reception-style event.

The Fort Erie woman first came to Hotel Dieu Shaver as an outpatient for six weeks, twice as week. She noticed a differ-

ence and checked herself in for a month in August as an inpatient. She said she leveraged her intestinal fortitude, using the standing machine and other equipment.

"But even better they helped me out with the six inches between my ears, which was the biggest hurdle," she said.

The centre, Carson said, is a place for people at the end of their rope. Staff work tirelessly with people at fragile points.

She explained she saw life around her and didn't feel connected, but at Hotel Dieu she did feel connected.

"I have value and worth and there's lots of support for people like me."

It was the 10th anniversary of the Snowflakes and Angels Campaign and the second year for An Evening in the Courtyard event.

Mary Jane Johnson, foundation executive director, said last year's campaign raised its goal of \$65,000.

This year's goal is slightly higher at \$70,000. Money raised will go towards paying for a new, recently acquired nurse call sys-



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tem worth \$412,000.

"It's bringing our call system into the 21st century," said Jennifer Hansen, interim director of

nursing.

Hansen said the system allows nurses to see calls coming in from every patient bed

and answer them in a timely fashion.

The old system had dead areas where nurses couldn't

hear the calls and one hallway light per room which didn't show which patient in the room needed help.

The new system has different coloured dashes for different emergencies and special call bells for people who don't have the ability to push a button.

With 134 patient beds and one nurse to 15 patients overnight, the centre can see with the new system that its average response time is 1.3 minutes.

"It means a lot and staff were thrilled. It makes their jobs easier as well. No one wants to miss a call," Hansen said. "It's improving client satisfaction and staff satisfaction."

The Snowflakes and Angels fundraiser is part of Hotel Dieu Shaver's overall \$1.2 million goal for the year. Other funds are raised through the Celebrity Ice Cup in February and through major gifts.

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# Councillors joust over water rates at Region

MARYANNE FIRTH  
Postmedia Network

Though Niagara Region's overall water budget met the zero-increase mandated for 2016, reduced consumption will mean the water rate within will increase 3.2 per cent.

It's a point Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn was quick to point out at last Thursday's council meeting.

Wanting to see no impact to consumers, Augustyn proposed the rate be reduced to the 2015 level, which would mean a \$1.3 million hit on the budget. He recommended the additional funds be taken out of reserves.

Though the water rate is set to increase, when combined with wastewater rates it will result in a 0.3 per cent decrease, corporate services commissioner Maurice Lewis clarified.

Helen Chamberlain, the Region's director of financial management and planning, said that even with a reduction in the rate for 2016, "there are still some municipalities who will see an increase in charge and some will see a decrease."

That denominator is just a way to manage the distribution across the municipalities.

Port Colborne Coun. David Barrick, who chairs the budget review committee, stressed the Region's customers are the municipalities, not the residents, and that the combined water and sewer rates

will result in a reduction over 2015.

The Region's rate is combined with the municipal rate to form the final charge seen on the bills that arrive at area homes, he said.

"We're not talking about the final water bill. We're talking about what the Region bills municipalities."

While he'd like to give money back to taxpayers, Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop said council must first address its responsibility to provide safe water to residents and ensure its infrastructure is sustainable.

Because of those responsibilities and declining water consumption, "I know, we all know, if it isn't next year or the year after, we're going to have to get that money back," he said.

Welland Coun. Paul Grenier felt Augustyn's motion was coming to the table too late in the budget season. He recommended talks that include the municipalities be kickstarted in January to address water rates for 2017.

Chamberlain said the Region works closely with the municipalities to calculate and understand the impacts of the water and sewer budget.

"We're all in the process of building sustainable financial plans, which include the appropriate money for infrastructure and the appropriate amount of money for contingency reserves," she said.

"In order to determine the overall impact on consumers, we have to rely on the impacts

as they are presented at local area municipality budgets," she said.

"There are too many moving parts to isolate the impact associated with our specific budget,"

Augustyn's motion was defeated in a 20-4 vote.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## WELLS OF HOPE

# Laser level needed to build schools

**WAYNE CAMPBELL**  
For Postmedia Network

Hey buddy can you spare a laser level?

Wells of Hope volunteers, Ben Obdeyn and Frank Memme, hope an appeal will ease construction chores on two small schools in a pair of poor Guatemalan villages.

The instrument helps builders ensure walls are plumb and flooring and ceilings level.

When working on a moun-

tain side, it's a special challenge, said Memme.

"Nothing is level."

The experienced builders volunteered for few weeks to put up the three- to five-room schools.

"We have one laser level but need a second," to work on both schools at the same time, said Obdeyn. "It has to be small enough to put into a suitcase."

The schools are only eight kilometres apart. "But it

takes more than an hour to go up, down and around a mountain," said Memme. "Two levels would accelerate the projects."

For Obdeyn, this is his 30th work visit to Guatemala. Memme has gone "12 or 13 times."

Niagara-based Wells of Hope primarily drills wells to supply clean water to poor villages in the mountains of Guatemala.

In slightly more than 10 years, the nonprofit volunteer agency has built 12 wells and installed piping systems to serve more than 53,000 people around the communities of Jalapa and Jutiapa. The projects replace dirty water drawn from contaminated streams.

The two new schools will bring to 17 Wells of Hope has built for 2,350 students.

While they started out building wells, Obdeyn said, they found other needs to meet. Schools, health centre and other forms of commu-



WAYNE CAMPBELL/SPECIAL TO POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Frank Memme, left, and Ben Obdeyn practise for a Wells of Hope school construction project in Guatemala. They are asking for donation of a small laser level.

nity services such as bridges and cooking stoves became part of the program.

Children, who used to walk for hours to get water

from polluted streams, now have time to go to school. But they lacked well-built schools.

Niagara school children have helped by donating backpacks to Wells of Hope filled with supplies for Guatemala students and by collecting coins to build schools.

Wells of Hope maintains a camp for volunteers who pay their way from Canada to help for two weeks. They work on projects such as drilling, building schools, roads and bridges or providing dental and other health care.

For Obdeyn, this is his second tool request.

Last year, he asked Niagara residents for help since Guatemalan farmers had little except homemade hoes. They needed hammers and saws in particular.

Obdeyn received more than 2,000 tools in scores of tool boxes drawn from sheds, barns, garages and basements across the region.

Anyone with a level can call Obdeyn at 905-892-4721.

For more information about Wells of Hope, its projects and funding needs see [www.wellofhopecanada.com](http://www.wellofhopecanada.com).

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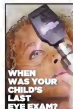
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# LOCAL NEWS

■ **PORT COUNCIL:** Council defeats motion for four-way stop at Killaly and Elizabeth Streets

## Stop sign a no-go on Killaly

FRANK LIKEMAN  
Tribune Staff

Council put a stop to the motion to reconsider installation of a four-way stop at the corner of Killaly and Elizabeth streets.

The motion for reconsideration came from Coun. Barb Butters, after the original motion to install the lights was defeated at the Sept. 28 council meeting.

For the second time, councillors went back and forth on whether traffic in the area warranted a stop sign.

Ward 2 Coun. Yvon Doucet — who brought the original motion forward at the end of September — argued most of the city wouldn't fit the provincial standard of traffic to warrant four-way stop signs, yet they do make communities safer.

"Because the neighbourhood feels it's going to make

it safer, and over time it does, that's what's important here," Doucet said. "Who are we serving here?"

Ward 2 Coun. Angie Desmarais echoed similar sentiments. She said she has witnessed several accidents at the intersection, many of which she said were minor and not reported, so they wouldn't be counted in considerations for whether the stop sign is warranted.

"Regardless of the reason (for the accidents), the people in the community want this," she said. "They want to know that they're safer. They want to know that their children are safer. They see these accidents all the time."

Bottom line, the people want it and I think we need to start listening to them."

Ward 3 Coun. Frank Danch argued the area doesn't need another stop sign.

"Let's not slow down what we're doing," he said. "You don't need another stop sign in the city to stop where we're going."

Many of the comments both for and against were the same as in the original discussion, and the final vote turned out to be the same as well — a 50/50 split, with Mayor John Maloney breaking the tie to defeat the motion.

Couns. Barb Butters, Dave Elliott, Frank Danch and Ron Bodner voted against the motion and councillors Bea Kenny, Angie Desmarais, John Wayne and Yvon Doucet voted in favour.

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### Council notebook

#### Traffic Zones

A motion by Ward 2 Coun. Yvon Doucet to have the city review traffic zones and warning signage was approved.

The motion will see city staff conduct a review of the 2003 traffic operations study

and create a technical advisory committee.

The study will look at traffic in Port Colborne. Staff were also directed to review warning signage throughout the city, such as senior zones, 'deaf child' and autistic child signs.

#### Fire safety goes door-to-door

Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services got the green light from council to expand its door-to-door fire prevention and education program.

Fire Chief Tom Cartwright recommended to council the door-to-door campaign be expanded and continued, utilizing both volunteer firefighters and full-time staff.

Volunteers will go door-to-door to deliver information and to install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on Mondays from 10 a.m. until noon and 7 to 9 p.m.

Full-time staff will expand their program by providing fire prevention information Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

#### Two disabled parking spots stay at city hall

Councillors put their foot down when presented with a report suggesting the removal of one of the staff parking lot's two disabled parking spaces.

Council unanimously defeated the recommendation, saying the city should go above and beyond accessibility requirements.



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### Woman suffers life-threatening injuries in crash

A woman passenger suffered life-threatening injuries after the vehicle she was riding in struck a tree Saturday night.

Niagara Regional Police said Gary Yager, 36, of Fort Erie, was driving a 2002 Chrysler westbound on Netherby Road, east of Doan's Ridge Road in Welland. Police said the vehicle veered off the road and hit a tree.

The collision occurred at about

11:45 p.m. Niagara Emergency Medical Services and Welland firefighters were also dispatched to the scene.

A 37-year-old female passenger had to be extricated from the vehicle. She suffered life-threatening injuries and was airlifted to the Hamilton General Hospital.

Police said in a news release the woman was still in critical but stable condition.

Yager suffered serious injuries and was taken by ambulance to hospital in Niagara Falls.

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■ **EDUCATION:** Niagara College fall open house Nov. 21

# Campuses opening doors to prospective students

**MICHELLE ALLENBERG**  
Postmedia Network

Niagara College is putting out its welcome mat.

On Saturday the Niagara-on-the-Lake and Welland campuses will hold open houses for an expected 1,000 visitors.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. people will have the chance to tour the campuses and residences, and talk to students and teachers. The tours will be conducted by Niagara College experts, who are students chosen to share their experiences.

Classrooms and labs will be open to showcase different technology and applications available to students. Visitors will have the opportunity to view kitchens culinary students use. And they will have the opportunity to see how students receive a hands-on education.

With more than 100 programs to choose from, visitors will learn about many of them. They can speak to students about their program experiences.

The campuses will have interactive displays to showcase the various academic and leisure activities offered.

Culinary students will provide food samples. Engineering students will showcase some of the projects they have created. There will also be athletic displays for the different sports in which students can get involved.

"You can actually talk to the students and see some of the things they make and do in their program," says Dorita Pentecost, form the college's marketing and communications department.

For students coming from out of town there will be a community fair with some Niagara businesses on display, including a booth from Seaway Mall.

Prospective students will have the chance to speak to faculty about the application process. Information about financing will be available.

"The applications are open now, so the open house is so important because we know people are deciding and people want to know what Niagara College is all about and what is the educational experience here and what is the campus experience," says Pentecost.

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## CRIME

# Book by Bernardo no longer available on Amazon

The Canadian Press

A self-published fictional ebook purportedly written by notorious Canadian killer Paul Bernardo is no longer for sale on Amazon.

The online retailer did not immediately respond to an email asking whether it removed *A Mad World Order* from its site.

A web search did not turn up the 631 page fictional work that involved a plot to return Russia to a world power.

Bernardo is serving a life sentence for the brutal murders of Ontario teenagers Leslie Mahaffy and Kristen French in the early 1990s.

Word of the ebook provoked an angry

reaction, with many customers posting on Amazon that they would no longer do business with the retail site as it was heading into the Christmas shopping season.

The Canadian Press could not confirm Bernardo is the author, but his lawyer told Global TV last week he was aware that his client was writing a book.

The Correctional Service of Canada said the book did not relate Bernardo's "specific" crimes, but it couldn't explain how it was published as federal inmates have no access to the Internet or e-mail.

Attempts to enter a weblink to the book on Amazon produced "We're sorry. The web address you entered is not a functioning page on our site."

## Construction of Underground Transmission Line Infrastructure Notice For the Niagara Region Wind Project, FWRN LP

- Project Name** Niagara Region Wind Project (the "Project")
- Project Location** Within the Townships of West Lincoln and Wainfleet and the Town of Lincoln in the Niagara Region and Haldimand County in Southern Ontario
- Notice Dated At** Haldimand County and Niagara Region, the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2015.

Niagara Region Wind Corporation, now FWRN LP (the "Proponent"), are engaging in a renewable energy project for which a Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") was issued by the Ministry of the Environment (now the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change) on November 21, 2014.

### Project Description

The Project is located within the Townships of West Lincoln and Wainfleet and the Town of Lincoln in the Niagara Region and Haldimand County in Southern Ontario. The Project will consist of 77 wind turbine generators, step-up transformer, electrical collector lines, a transmission line, two transformer substations, turbine access roads and construction staging areas. The Project will have a total maximum nameplate capacity of up to 230 MW.

### Construction of Underground Transmission Line Infrastructure

Installation of underground transmission line infrastructure is expected to begin on December 1, 2015, starting just north of Walker Road and Philip to Mountainview Road to the interconnect (4720 Mountainview Road). Activities

will include asphalt cutting and removal, trench excavation, conduit installation, concrete placement, vault installation, backfill, and compaction and road remediation. These activities are described in detail in the REA technical reports found on the Project website: [www.nrwf.ca](http://www.nrwf.ca). Construction activities are expected to last approximately 16 months.

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## POLITICS

## Regional housing board gets another crack at budget

MARIYANNE FIRTH  
Peabody Network

The Niagara Regional Housing board will have one more chance to rearrange its budget and find the savings regional council is looking for.

In a close 13-12 vote last Thursday night, council opted to refer the budget back to the board. Also, it did not approve the imposed zero per cent increase, a plan that had been supported at the committee level.

Regional housing initially came forward asking for a 2.5 per cent budget increase, which was shot down by committee. The requested increase would have seen its budget grow to \$54.7 million from \$53.8 million.

Board vice-chairman and

Thorold Coun. Henry D'Angela emphasized that reducing the budget to zero would mean cuts in services impacting Niagara's most vulnerable.

Housing staff previously said the savings could result in elimination of its eviction prevention and tenant support programming.

Cuts, D'Angela said, will also mean adding people to the waiting list for affordable housing, "because the rent supplement will be discontinued for some."

Niagara Falls Coun. Selina Volpatti, who also sits on the housing board, disagreed with D'Angela's assessment of the situation.

She said she felt she was "misled" during budget discussions at the housing board level.

After the board approved the requested 2.5 per cent increase,

Volpatti said, she then learned the organization was expecting a \$240,000 surplus in its operating budget, she said.

"Why, when there is a cut to do, do we always go back to the surface?" she questioned, adding she feels there are ways to reduce the budget that will not impact Niagara's most vulnerable.

She said regional housing has enough funding in its reserves that when paired with the surplus, it could accommodate the zero per cent guidance. It was previously reported the agency has about \$12.5 million in reserves for capital improvements and future builds.

"To say people are going to suffer because of this, that's not what's going to happen here as far as I'm concerned," Volpatti said.

Corporate services commissioner Maurice Lewis confirmed the board is able to use the reserves "as they see fit" based on what the funds were set aside for.

It would be the board's discretion, he said, whether funds would be used to make up a gap in the budget.

Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn, who put forth the successful referral motion, said he thinks council owes it to regional housing to send it back before approval.

An immediate approval, Augustyn said, would be like "counting down a hammer and saying, 'It's zero. Go work with it.'"

"I don't think this council works that way," he said, adding he believes it wants to work in partnership with its agencies, boards and commissions.

"I'd rather hear from them on how they'd like to achieve (any savings),"

Port Colborne Coun. David

Barrick, who supported approval of the housing budget Thursday, reminded council it ultimately has "full control" over the increase or lack thereof.

"I urge council to use that decision-making authority when that time comes" he said.

"In the interim, there are lots of things the Niagara Regional Housing board can do for better fiscal management and for tackling the waiting list that currently exists," Barrick said.

Barrick said there is about \$40-million in capital improvements and renovations planned by regional housing to the existing regionally owned housing stock.

"How many new people does that serve? Not one," he said, adding those dollars won't "move one person off that waiting list."

"It's atrocious."

Barrick recommended the housing board "strongly consider" moving toward additional rent-gear-to-income subside-

dies, rather than "building an empire that serves no one new, no one on the waiting list."

There are more options to finding savings than what has been presented, he said, calling the threatened cut to services a "scare tactic."

"That fearmongering is shameful."

St. Catharines Coun. Tim Righy disagreed with Barrick's analysis that no one new would be assisted with those capital dollars, adding it was his understanding funds would be used in part to rearrange existing buildings to create additional units.

Barrick asked that that information be clarified and reported to council at a later date.

D'Angela brought forward a motion asking that staff prepare a report outlining ways to eliminate priority units paid by regional housing rates.

The motion was deferred until after the completion of the 2016 budget process.

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## ■ REMEMBRANCE DAY

# Hundreds witness to 'day of reflection'

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Hundreds of people crowded the lakeside cenotaph under grey skies to pay their respects to Canadian veterans Wednesday.

Port Colborne residents, students, politicians, veterans and cadets crowded the area surrounding the cenotaph to listen to people speak and to pay tribute to those who have and continue to serve Canada.

"Today is a very special day. It's to remember and to thank all the veterans, the gentlemen, the women that fought in wars to protect us in this country," said Irene Leslie, past-president of the Port Colborne branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

"If it wasn't for them fighting for us, I don't know where this country would be right now."

Leslie conducted the cer-

emony which saw speeches from Mayor John Maloney, regional Coun. David Barrick, MPP Cindy Forster and MP Vance Badawey.

"As we walk the streets in freedom, as we go to the grocery store in freedom... we shall remember," Badawey said.

Asked later what Remembrance Day meant to him, Badawey said, "Remembrance Day is a day of reflection, but it's also a day to recognize that Remembrance Day should be every day."

Badawey focused much of his speech on looking toward the future. He called up elementary school students to say one word that comes to mind on Remembrance Day.

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## ■ HEALTH CARE

# NHS radiology review enters final phase

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Niagara Health System has double-checked nearly 4,200 patient scans — MRIs, CTs and mammograms — as it gets ready to complete a review of a radiologist's work.

Launched in June after a patient complained about a radiologist's erroneous interpretation of a scan, the review is expected to be done by the end of the year.

It was originally expected to be completed by September, but NHS president Suzanne Johnston said the review has taken longer than anticipated because it's such a detailed and thorough process.

"We certainly understand that the quality review has been worrisome for some patients and families, and we would like to thank the community for its co-operation and understanding throughout this process," she said in an e-mail.

Johnston said the health system has taken immediate steps to contact doctors and families in cases where changes were needed to treatment plans or patient records. By now,

patients or their doctors would already have been contacted about any urgent concerns.

A total of 4,195 exams conducted by the radiologist between May 2014 and May 2015 were reviewed to determine if a one-time error was made or if there was a series of mistakes.

The radiologist voluntarily stepped down from practising during the review. His or her identity has not been released by the NHS.

The health system is now completing administrative work and once that's done, an external radiologist will analyze the findings and prepare a final report.

Johnston said the report will be shared publicly.

In July, the NHS launched a new peer review system across all its hospital sites. Johnston said the new system brings an added level of "rigour" to its quality assurance processes.

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## ■ JUST STOP IT CAMPAIGN



Niagara IceDogs fans show their support for the team's anti-bullying campaign during a stoppage in play in the IceDogs game against the Oshawa Generals at the Meridian Centre.

## IceDogs promote anti-bullying message

**BILL POTREZEC**  
 Postmedia Network

The Niagara IceDogs have officially kicked off their Just Stop It anti-bullying campaign.

Fans were given Just Stop It signs and midway through the first period held up their signs in unison.

"It was such a nice thing to see, and what was equally nice to see was people walking out of the building with the signs," IceDogs co-owner Denise Burke said.

The Ontario Hockey League team began the campaign after saying they were corporately bullied and wanted to help those who could not stand up for themselves.

Burke said it was a moving experience

when more than 4,700 fans in attendance stood up and held their signs while the arena went silent.

"I got a tear in my eye," she said.

Fans were also encouraged to take a photo with their Just Stop It sign, share it on social media and then pass along the sign to a friend and ask them to do the same.

In addition to the game, the Just Stop It signs are also being distributed throughout Niagara region as a part of the IceDogs school programs, where players and staff are helping to spread the anti-bullying message in their presentations.

Those photos can be seen on the IceDogs and Just Stop It social media feeds at @OHIceDogs and @juststopit2015 on twitter and facebook.com/NiagaraIceDogs and facebook.com/juststopit2015.

## Construction of Collection Line Infrastructure Notice

For the Niagara Region Wind Project, FWRN LP

**Project Name** Niagara Region Wind Project (the "Project")

**Project Location** Within the Townships of West Lincoln and Wainfleet and the Town of Lincoln in the Niagara Region and Haldimand County in Southern Ontario

**Notice Dated At** Haldimand County and Niagara Region, the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2015.

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■ **MUSIC:** Adam Buller releases first album

# Riding the storm with Thunderclap!

**JOHN LAW**  
Postmedia Network

In a fit of anxiety years ago, Adam Buller visited three psychics while living in New York.

The Chippawa-born performer wanted to know if he would "prosper" as an actor.

Yes, they said. But not as Adam Buller.

"They all basically said the same thing," he recalls. "We see you prospering under the name Yellow Feather, or Rolling Rock. Like an aboriginal name. I said, 'OK ... I don't know what that means.'"

He hadn't thought of those psychics until years later when he started a solo career after seven years with Niagara band The E-O Show Schematics. Instead of going with his name, he went with the moniker Thunderclap! And then it hit him.

"Only now, I look back ... thinking about what these psychics said," he recalls. "When you see a psychic, they're not going to give you the plan for your future. They're going to tell you some weird things, and you'll go, 'Well, that makes sense, and that doesn't make sense.'"

"Only looking back in hindsight is it kind of humorous."

As he sips a cup of warm water at a Niagara Falls diner, Buller is trying to sum up the years of backbreaking work that went into Thunderclap's first album, *Helibent on Success*. There's the IndieGogo campaign, the hundreds of murals he painted, the endless hours in the studio, the thousands upon thousands of dollars he poured into it. When it was finally released in October, he thought he'd feel euphoria that the hard part was over.

Turns out, it's just one mountain of many still to climb. Which is why his anxiety is kicking in again, trying to ruin what should be a joyous time in his life.

In many ways, Buller is the typical tortured artist, stressing over what he has to do, whether he's good enough, whether it'll ever be enough. Even this week, as he prepares for a CD release show in Toronto Thursday, he can't listen to his own music.

"It's the same reason why an actor can't watch himself on TV," he says. "It's like looking in a mirror. Imagine you looking into a mirror for an hour straight. It's unhealthy. You should not look in the mirror that long."

His recent funk is in stark contrast to his debut album, a sonic sampler of offbeat melodies and eccentric song writing in the spirit of Frank Zappa. It never follows the obvious path, and its art rock aspirations brings to mind another Niagara artist, Dale Morn-ingstar, whose band Dinner in Rutland charted its own surreal landscape in the early 1990s.

Buller calls it a concept album, trac-

ing his own doubts and insecurities on his way to establishing himself as an artist. He sums it up best on the fifth track, *The Hitmaker*: "On Monday and Wednesday and Friday I feel legit / On Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday I feel like a fraud and that I should quit."

The album ends with a flourish on *News Flash*, his call-to-arms to let artists find their own path instead of steering them into what's commercially viable.

"I've had different people try to manage me, and they would say, 'You've got

to do this and that.' They were quite corrupt people. It would be totally against the foundation of Thunderclap. What I believe Thunderclap to be."

With help from guests Boss Wiseman (formerly of Blue Rodeo) and singer Mary Margaret O'Hara, the album is picking up steam on college radio stations and earning solid early reviews.

*Helibent on Success* is available at [www.thunderclap.ca](http://www.thunderclap.ca).

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Known as Thunderclap!, Niagara Falls artist Adam Buller finally released his first album last month.



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# 'A great way to make some extra cash'

RAY SPITERI  
Postmedia Network

As Uber launches in Niagara, MPP Tim Hudak says he wants to help create an environment where emerging technologies and traditional taxi companies can compete for business.

"I get it. When you've got the market, it's not easy when a new competitor comes to town, so I know there's some politicians that will oppose Uber and say we've got to protect the cab industry,"

said Hudak, who took the first official ride in Niagara Thursday. He held a press conference near Table Rock in Niagara Falls, where he was dropped off.

"I don't look at it that way. I say what's good for residents in Niagara, so let's give them a choice. (Uber is) a convenient choice because you just hit your smart screen, you can have a car, you can see who the driver is, where they are, when they're arriving, all of that ahead of time. That's a great innovation.

"It allows people to make a little extra money from something they already own, like their car."

Last Thursday morning, UberX — a ride-sharing program arranged through a smartphone app — launched in Niagara, Kingston and Windsor.

Uber officials say their drivers are provincially licensed and use their own vehicles to give passengers a ride.

Uber said the first two rides will be free for new riders until Sunday.

Drivers were available as of 3 p.m., Thursday.

St. Catharines resident Justin Burrows was Hudak's Uber driver.

"Justin works at the Apple store, and he does this in his spare time," said Hudak. "And he told me, 'Look, the rent has got to get paid, and it's extra money that I can use to pay down the rent and put away in some savings.'"

Burrows said he has been an Uber driver for more than a year, starting in Toronto, then Hamilton and now

Niagara.

"It's a great way to make some extra cash. I have a car, when I'm not working elsewhere, it's sitting in the driveway not making any money for me, so I can make some money on something I already own," he said.

"I'm a big fan of Uber. I'm a big fan of the actual company and the app. I think I've been following it well before it came to Canada, and I'm excited for it to be here.

"I think it's revolutionary, I think it's something that everybody can embrace, and it's going to be kind of the new wave of the future."

Burrows said he's licensed as an independent contractor and is "responsible for how well I do as a business.

"Uber just gets me the client," he said.

Uber Canada spokeswoman Susie Heath said they are "thrilled" to be in Niagara, "which will give people access to safe and reliable rides just as in over 350 communities worldwide, including over 40 in Ontario."

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Heath said she doesn't know how many Uber drivers there are in Niagara.

"We heard from hundreds of riders and drivers who wanted to see Uber in the Niagara region and we're really pleased to be here," she said.

The arrival of UberX means that residents and visitors alike now have access to a safe, reliable and affordable way to get around at the touch of a button."

In October, Hudak put forward a private member's bill calling for Ontario-wide regulations for services such as Uber. It's in committee for further study.

Hudak said his bill is about "empowering average people just to make a few extra dollars."

"We already know here in Niagara, it's tough to get a good job, pay is pretty stagnant, the bills are going up," he said, adding his bill would legalize Uber's service.

Uber has come under fire by taxi companies across the world, including in Niagara.

The taxi industry has called for a level playing field, saying it has to follow strict regulations, and have invested a lot of money to comply with existing laws.

"A lot of cab drivers are hustling, (and it's) awfully difficult to make a few dollars there, too," said Hudak.



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## TRANSPORTATION

# 'A great way to make some extra cash'

## From previous page

"I wrote to (Niagara) Regional Chair (Alan) Caslin and I said, 'You know what, why don't we work together on modernizing the cab regulations, support my bill, I think it will be a win-win for everybody involved.'"

Hudak said cabs have been regulated since 1635.

A lot of red tape builds up over the years. Let's clear aside that red tape, and allow the cabs to compete.

"When I see what consumers are doing now, there's over a million Uber rides a month in the province of Ontario. That's going to go up now that we have it here at home in Niagara. That tells me that we have

to change the laws to allow consumers to continue with this choice. My bill actually makes sure there's proper consumer protection in place. It mandates insurance, that drivers have clean driving records, criminal background checks, all of that. I think it's very important as the exchange for getting a licence.

"But I believe ... you're going to see a market where people can choose a number of options. They can drive themselves, they can get a ride through Uber and ride sharing, maybe a cab, maybe transit. I think people are going to demand more services along the road."

Uber officials said regulatory burdens in the tra-



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Transportation network company Uber announced Thursday it's launching in Niagara. Justin Burrows is the first Uber driver in Niagara.

ditional taxi model — such as requiring dome lights on the roof — don't make sense for the Uber model. Uber

doesn't pick up street hails or occupy taxi stands.

Company officials said they want to be regulated,

but in a way that recognizes the differences with ride sharing.

Burrows said out of more

than the 1,500 trips he's done with Uber, he can "count on one hand" how times he has felt uncomfortable with a passenger.

"And even then, I dropped them off at a location, Uber protects me, so they don't know who I am after that. They don't know my number, they don't know where I live, they don't know anything about that," he said.

"Once they're out of my car, and the fare is over, our conversations are done, so if there is ever a situation where I am uncomfortable or unsafe, I know that once they're out of my vehicle, our time together is done."

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## BYLAWS

## Operators could face \$350 fines if they're not fully licensed

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Drivers who transport passengers for a fee and are not properly licensed, could be looking at fines of about \$350, warn Niagara Regional Police.

"It's an offence under both the Highway Traffic Act as well as our regional bylaw to provide transportation of passengers for compensation without being licensed," said NRP Det. Sgt. Craig Labaune, of the licensing and bylaw enforcement unit.

"Normally, we would only charge under one or the other."

The bylaw regulates business operators and drivers of vehicles-for-hire such as cabs, tow trucks, limousines, sightseeing and shuttle vehicles, as well as horse-drawn caleshe.

Last Thursday, Uber launched its peer-to-peer ride sharing program in Niagara, Kingston and Windsor. Uber is now available in more than 40 communities in Ontario, and a growing list of more than 350 communities worldwide.

Also last Thursday, the licensing committee of the Niagara Police Services Board held its regular meeting, where Uber's launch was discussed. Committee members agreed Uber is in contravention of bylaws because it is not licensed to transport passengers.

NRP Supt. Scott McLean, head of emergency and investigative services, said police will enforce the bylaw.

If a driver is charged under the bylaw for not having the proper licence, a conviction could result in a fine of about \$350, said Labaune. If someone is convicted under the Highway Traffic Act for picking up passengers for compensation without authority, the fine is \$300, plus a \$60 victim-impact surcharge.

"We do our investigations and we do enforce the bylaw," said Labaune. "Once we are made aware of something that's when we start the process. Some of it will be complaint driven, and some of it will be our regular enforcement duties. That's our job and we take it very seriously."

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## ■ ARTS

# St. Catharines' arts centre opening draws large crowd

**KARENA WALTER**  
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Thousands of residents streamed through the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre Sunday afternoon for a glimpse of the new facility.

A five-hour public open house drew all ages to the \$60-million building, with interested visitors arriving a half hour before the doors opened.

"It's really pretty. I especially like the Cairns Recital Hall," said Lyla Dierckse, a nine-year old St. Catharines girl with an eye for detail. "It's the combination of wood and stone and carpet."

She was leaving the Film Theatre and checking out the rest of the facility with mom Tina Hornick of St. Catharines.

"I love it. I think it's such an incredible investment for our community," said Hornick, who took in Fortunate Ones earlier this month in the Cairns venue.

Hornick said the downtown was alive after the concert with people not used to being out in that part of town. "It felt really vibrant," said. "I'm really excited."

Many others residents were clearly excited to tour the facility, packing Partridge Hall while Niagara Sings! were performing to the point people had to be turned away by ushers for fire code reasons.

"It's been a zoo since before we opened," said Executive Director Steve Solski greeting people in a crowded Algoma Central Lobby. "Thousands of people came through the centre today. It's been a great open house. Everyone is thrilled with the venue."

The centre held a grand opening celebration Saturday night for donors, dignitaries and others who bought tickets for singer Serena Ryder's concert in the 781-seat Partridge Hall. Each patron was given a pair of scissors and asked to join

dignitaries in cutting a 1,500-foot ribbon.

Solski said Saturday's ribbon cutting was the first of celebrating with the community and Sunday's open house was a great way to end the weekend celebrations.

"You open the door and hope people come. And they've come, obviously."

Sara Palmieri, programming and marketing manager, said an estimated 8,000 people came through based on the number of programs picked up and people signing up for centre emails. Most people stayed 30 to 45 minutes.

For arts organizations who set up booths in the Algoma Central Lobby for the open house, having thousands of people interested in the arts touring the facility was a boost.

Juliet Dunn, who runs the TD Niagara Jazz Festival with husband Peter Shea, said they'd given out hundreds of programs Sunday.

"Ninety-five per cent had not been or hadn't heard of us, which means we really got the word out," she said. "This is the best direct marketing we've ever done."

Karen and John Reynolds of St. Catharines, subscribers to Niagara Symphony Orchestra for more than 30 years, were checking out the facility that has replaced Brock's site for performances.

Karen said she hoped the symphony would be able to fill Partridge Hall, which has more seats than Brock's theatre did. She also hoped parking would work out on days when there are hockey games downtown, something others touring the facility also mentioned Sunday.

"It looks great," she said. "And hopefully it's going to bring a positive to the downtown."

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Chorus Niagara sings at the opening of the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre on Saturday.



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■ **THEATRE:** FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre wooing next generation

# PAC offers matinee series for youth

JOHN LAW  
Postmedia Network

Today's theatre buffs will be well-served by the new FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, but Sara Palmieri also has her eye on the next generation.

The venue's programming and marketing manager remembers the impact of seeing live theatre for the first time as a kid. It's an experience she wants all Niagara youth to share with a series of matinees.

The ImPACI Series will consist of six shows which have special daytime performances to go along with the regular evening dates. It starts Nov. 24 with Essential Collective Theatre's mysterious new drama *Falling: A Wake*.

"What makes a performing arts centre viable in a community is not just what they're doing for the general public from a cultural entertainment perspective, but what we're doing to engage our youth," says Palmieri.

"This is just the start of our program for the youth."

*Falling: A Wake* will be performed Nov. 24 and 25 at 11 a.m.

"We're trying to find access points for all ages," says Palmieri, "and now that there's a great big shiny new venue in our downtown core, it's going to be even more accessible for our youth to come through."

Also helping is a \$10,000 contri-

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- Childsplay Theatre's *Dr. Suess' Cat in the Hat* (March 1, 12:30 p.m.)
- Windmill Theatre of Australia's *Big Bad Wolf* (April 27, 12:30 p.m.)

bution from Freedom 55 Financial, allowing a \$1-per-ticket subsidy for all student theatregoers. It will help subsidize tickets for financially struggling students.

Next year, Palmieri hopes to establish an outreach program which allows artists to work with students before the performance.

"There are times we only get them one or two days in our community, so extending that — getting them into the schools doing workshops — will be something we'll be doing."

Tickets for all ImPACI Series shows are on sale at [www.firstontariopac.ca](http://www.firstontariopac.ca) or by phoning 905-688-5601.

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## ■ ENTERTAINMENT

# Little Big Town heading to casino

Postmedia Network

Grammy-winning country group Little Big Town will make a rare local appearance when they play Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort in February.

*The Bring It On Home*, *Pontoon* and *Girl Crush* hitmakers will play the Avalon Ballroom Feb. 27 and 28, with tickets starting at \$70. Still with its original lineup, the band weathered years of early indifference to become one of country's biggest acts of the last decade. At this year's Country Music Association Awards, they won single of the year and song of the year for *Girl Crush*. They're among the CMT artists of the year for a special to be televised Dec. 2.

A busy February at Fallsview will also see the return of Michael Bolton (Feb. 13 and 14) and a Feb. 12 visit from 1980s chart-topper Taylor Dayne (*Tell It To My Heart*, *Love Will Lead You Back*).

Saturday Night Live alumni Jon Lovitz, Rob Schneider and Tim Meadows take the stage Feb. 26, while 1960s harmony pop group The Lettermen make a five-night stand Feb. 1 to 5.

Filling out February will be Sogno Italiano Feb. 6 and 7, and an extended run of Dancing Pros Live Feb. 18 to 25.

Tickets for all February shows are on sale at the Fallsview box office and [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca)

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# LOCAL NEWS

## THEATRE

### Fiddler on the Roof returns to GCP

JOHN LAW

Postmedia Network

Garden City Productions knows better than to meddle with the fiddle.

When it comes to the classic *Fiddler on the Roof*, modifications aren't needed. You don't modernize it. You don't overhaul it. A version you saw 30 or 40 years ago would be perfectly fine today.

That goes against the instincts of most theatre companies who are looking for ways to connect old shows to new audiences. But director John McHenry feels some shows are exempt.

So the *Fiddler on the Roof* which opens Friday won't be much different from previous GCP productions done in 1971, 1981 and 1999.

"No matter where you see it

or where you do it, it's always basically the same," he says. "No one has ever put their twist on it, and I'm not doing it here.

"There's one scene that I'm doing a little different, but for the most part, you know, we're not doing it naked or (anything). When people go to see *Fiddler on the Roof*, they know what they're going to see."

What they'll be seeing is one of the most successful, longest-running Broadway shows ever. And perhaps one of the most surprising. Based on a series of stories by Yiddish author Sholem Aleichem, there were doubts the public would be interested in a show so steeped in Jewish culture when it opened in 1964. The story revolves around a poor Jewish milkman named Tevye

whose daughter is unhappy with the man the village matchmaker has chosen for her to marry. With sinister forces threatening the community, Tevye must juggle cultural traditions with the love of his family.

"Even though it's a story set in 1905, there's so many universals in it," says veteran Niagara actor Paul Wintemute, who plays Tevye. Though he has auditioned for the show before, it's the first time he'll be doing it in his long stage career.

"The last time I auditioned, the guy who got it was a guy who was part of the *Phantom* cast for years. I kind of went, 'OK!'"

Co-star Kate Profit-Fazio, who plays Tevye's stubborn wife Golde, is also diving into *Fiddler* for the first time.

**WHAT:** *Fiddler on the Roof*

**WHERE:** Mandeville Theatre — Ridley College; 2 Ridley Rd.; St. Catharines

**WHEN:** Nov. 20 to Dec. 6

**TICKETS:** \$28 adults, \$23 students/children. www.gcp.ca or 905-682-1353

"I mean, I've seen it many times. It's been on my list to be in it, and I've landed a good role. A really good role."

Golde's "transition" during the story is what hooked her, especially when she chooses family over custom.

"There is emotion there, even though she doesn't always show it," she says. "There's something deeper there. Tevye wants to be more traditional, and I would prob-



JOHN LAW / POSTMEDIA NETWORK

From left, Kate Profit-Fazio (Golde), director John McHenry and Paul Wintemute (Tevye) are tuning up *Fiddler on the Roof* for Garden City Productions. It opens Nov. 20.

bly break it at that point."

After crushing the box office and winning nine Tony Awards in 1965, the show became an equally successful movie in 1971. It won three Oscars and was the year's

highest-grossing movie.

The Garden City show has a cast of 35, including several young singers Wintemute describes as "phenomenal."

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**10" PIZZA**

Choose from: • Cheesy Garlic Melt 454 g

**NEW!** • Four Cheese 535 g

**IMPROVED!**

• Pepperoni 535 g

• Deluxe 580 g

• Canadian 570 g



**3<sup>99</sup>**  
**save \$1**



**SHAREABLE BARS** 5" x 12" TRAY 850 g

- Chocolate Chunk Buttercream Bars • Nanaimo Bars
- Chocolate Fudge Brownies • Buttermilk Bars
- Triple Chocolate Fudge Cake
- Macaroon Madness Bars
- Homestyle Carrot Cake
- Raspberry Macaroon Bars

**11<sup>99</sup>** per tray  
**save \$2**



Our newest cheesecake features real cream, pumpkin puree and traditional pumpkin pie spices, on top of a sweet ginger snap cookie crust.

**Pumpkin Cheesecake**  
600 g

**New!**

**8<sup>49</sup>**



Ginger spiced premium ice cream with gingerbread cookie pieces.

**Gingerbread Cookie Ice Cream**  
1.5 L

**6<sup>49</sup>**  
**save 50¢**



A dessert classic! Creamy vanilla custard made with real cream and eggs topped with sweet, crackled caramel.

**Crème Brûlée**  
2 PORTIONS 206 g

**New!**

**3<sup>99</sup>**  
**save \$1**



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